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**Treasurer Angelides Visits Cal State-Sacramento On Statewide Tour  
To Protect Critical Role Of California's Public Higher  
Education Campuses In State's Economy**

*Treasurer Visits CSUS Teaching Center as Part of Two-Day Tour, as Governor Schwarzenegger Proposes to Slash Funding, Hike Tuition, and Cut Financial Aid*

SACRAMENTO, CA – California State Treasurer Phil Angelides today visited California State University, Sacramento as part of a two-day statewide tour to protect the critical role of California's world-renowned public higher education system in the State's economy. The Treasurer is visiting University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) and California Community College campuses from Chico to San Diego on Tuesday and Wednesday, highlighting the diversity and accomplishments of various research, educational, and training programs at six different schools, and how the programs contribute to California's economic competitiveness and the State's leading role in the global economy.

The Treasurer's tour comes in the wake of the release of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's recent budget that proposes deep cuts in state funding, steep tuition hikes, reduced enrollment, and cuts in financial aid for higher education across the State.

"As treasurer, my first priority must be to protect our economy today, and build our economy for tomorrow," Angelides said. "I believe we need to burnish the crown jewel that is this State's higher education system, not break it down into shards. Unfortunately, the Governor's budget would shatter California's historic commitment to its public colleges and universities. We must fight to protect and increase investments in these institutions, as they will be our ticket to economic progress in the decades ahead, just as they were in the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century."

Angelides kicked off the second day of his statewide tour with a visit to the Teacher Preparation and Credentialing Program at CSU-Sacramento's College of Education. The College of Education offers several professional education programs leading to teaching credentials. CSU-Sacramento produces approximately 500 graduates with education degrees each year, many of whom go on to teach in Sacramento-area schools and other districts across the State. On the tour, the Treasurer also visited an American Sign Language class, offered as part of the College's Special Education Program.

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In meeting with students, faculty and graduates of Sacramento State's College of Education, the Treasurer said, "Professional training programs such as CSU-Sacramento's Teacher Preparation and Credentialing Program play a vital role in training our State's workforce for the decades ahead, and in providing educational opportunities for our young people. We are here today fighting for the UC, CSU and Community College systems because of the leading role they play in our State's and nation's economic competitiveness."

Governor Schwarzenegger, on January 9, proposed more than \$700 million in cuts for California's higher education institutions—bringing cuts in student support over the last two years at the CSU system to nearly 29 percent. The Schwarzenegger Administration also proposes to hike student fees at UC, CSU and California Community Colleges, including a 40 percent increase in graduate student fees at UC and CSU (see attached summary of proposed budget impacts).

The Teacher Preparation and Credentialing Program at CSU-Sacramento is one of many state-supported professional programs that could face cuts in the Governor's budget. These cuts could force the school to reduce enrollment, and could ultimately reduce the number of qualified new teachers available to the State's school districts, at the same time the State is facing a need for an estimated 150,000 new teachers over the next 10 years.

Additionally, the Governor's proposed 40 percent hike in graduate student fees would hit many prospective teachers especially hard, given that they do not have the earning potential of graduate students in other fields such as law, medicine, or business. Already, more than 60 percent of students in Sacramento State's College of Education receive financial aid, and CSU officials have warned that fee increases could deter students from entering the teaching profession.

Angelides' visit to CSU-Sacramento today was the fourth of six stops planned across the State on Tuesday and Wednesday, where the Treasurer will be visiting UC, CSU, and California Community College campuses from Chico to San Diego. On Tuesday, the Treasurer visited UCLA's Center for Embedded Networked Sensing, San Diego City College, and CSU-Fresno's Viticulture and Enology Research Center. Later today, the Treasurer is expected to visit with students, teachers and administrators at UC-San Francisco's Mission Bay Campus, and CSU-Chico's School of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology.

**For more information about this and other stops on the two-day tour, please contact Communications Director Mitchel Benson at (916) 653-4052.**

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## **Impacts Of Governor Schwarzenegger's Budget On California's Public Higher Education System**

Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget will have a dramatic, negative impact on the University of California, California State University, and California Community College systems. According to the non-partisan Legislative Analyst, the Governor's Budget "includes over \$700 million in reductions in higher education."

Here are some of the specific impacts of the Governor's budget proposal:

### **Cuts in Funding**

- Reduces UC research funding by five percent (\$11.6 million)
- Eliminates General Fund support for the UC Digital California Project, which provides access for K-12 school districts to the Internet (\$14.3 million)
- Eliminates General Fund support for UC and CSU outreach programs (\$110 million)
- Increases student-to-faculty ratios by five percent (\$88.7 million)
- Makes unallocated funding reductions, which could lead to, among other things, a loss of course sections (\$98 million for UC and CSU over two years)

### **Higher Fees and Tuition**

- Hikes undergraduate fees at UC and CSU by 10 percent (UC: from \$4,985 to 5,482; CSU: from \$2,046 to \$2,251)
- Hikes fees for graduate students at UC and CSU by 40 percent (UC: from \$5,219 to \$7,307; CSU: from \$2,256 to \$3,158)
- Hikes fees for Community College students by 44 percent (\$18 to \$26 per unit)

### **Reductions in Enrollment**

- The budget proposes to reduce the enrollment at both UC and CSU. 8,200 students will be turned away at UC, and 13,800 will be turned away at CSU.

### **Cuts in Financial Aid**

- The budget reduces eligibility for Cal Grants for middle-income families by reducing the family income threshold by 10 percent (For Cal Grant A, from \$67,000 to \$60,840 for a family of four).
- Reduces amount of UC and CSU fee revenue allocated to financial aid from one-third of fee revenues to 20 percent.
- Provides no increase in Cal Grant awards to reflect increase in fees at UC and CSU.